

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A mounting system for an article, comprising:
a base securable to a support,
an adapter, and
a mount to which an article can be mounted, the mount being interposed between the adapter and the base, and the mount being ~~that is~~ releasably couplable to the base via a latch mechanism, and
wherein the ~~an adapter associated with the mount that~~ has a geometric configuration that allows a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the mount, ~~wherein the adapter~~ including ~~includes~~ one or more passages therethrough that ~~allows~~ allow for communication between the mount and an article mountable thereto.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A mounting system for an article, comprising:~~
~~_____ a base securable to a support,~~
~~_____ a mount to which an article can be mounted that is releasably couplable to the base, and~~
~~_____ an adapter associated with the mount that has a geometric configuration that allows a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the mount~~
as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adapter includes one or more ribs that strengthen the underside of the adapter.

5. (Original) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adapter has a substantially flat central mounting surface that separates the mount and an article mountable thereto.

6. (Currently Amended) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, ~~for an article,~~
comprising:

~~_____ a base securable to a support;~~
~~_____ a mount to which an article can be mounted that is releasably couplable to~~
~~the base, and~~
~~_____ an adapter associated with the mount that has a geometric configuration~~
~~that allows a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the~~
mount; wherein the adapter has a substantially flat central mounting surface that
separates the mount and an article mountable thereto, and the flat surface is bounded
by a peripheral wall that cooperates with the flat surface to enclose the sides of the
mount, the peripheral wall including one or more openings therein for an installation and
removal tool to engage the mount for coupling and uncoupling the mount and the base.

7. (Previously Presented) A mounting system as set forth in claim 6, wherein the
adapter includes one or more guide passages that extend from the one or more
openings in the peripheral wall to guide an installation and removal tool into
engagement with the mount.

8. (Currently Amended) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, ~~for an article,~~
comprising:

~~_____ a base securable to a support;~~
~~_____ a mount to which an article can be mounted that is releasably couplable to~~
~~the base, and~~
~~_____ an adapter associated with the mount that has a geometric configuration~~
~~that allows a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the~~
mount; wherein the mount includes means for positioning the adapter on the mount.

9. (Previously Presented) A mounting system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the
mount has a generally cylindrical shape and the adapter has a substantially circular rib
that acts as the means for positioning to register the adapter to the mount.

10. (Previously Presented) A mounting system for an article, comprising:
a base securable to a support,
a mount to which an article can be mounted that is releasably couplable to the base, and
an adapter associated with the mount that has a geometric configuration that allows a secure interface between the mount and an article mountable to the mount, further comprising a plurality of adapters from which the adapter is selected, each adapter having a different geometric characteristic.

11. (Previously Presented) A mounting system as set forth in claim 10, wherein each adapter has a generally cylindrical shape and each adapter has a different diameter and a uniform size rib to register each adapter to the mount.

12. (Original) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an article mountable to the mount through the adapter.

Claims 13 and 14 (Canceled).

15. (Previously Presented) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein elements of the base and the mount define a latch mechanism for releasably securing the mount to the base, the latch mechanism being accessible when an article is mounted to the mount.

16. (Previously Presented) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adapter has a top wall and at least one side wall extending from one side of the top wall about a substantial portion of the periphery of the top wall, the side wall having one or more openings therein that provide access to the mount.

17. (New) A mounting system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the latch mechanism is contained within the adapter and is accessible through one or more openings in the adapter.